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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education Members
FROM: Superintendent Joy Hofmeister
DATE: June 25, 2015
SUBJECT: FY 16 Education Budget Recommendation

The following budget is recommended for approval by the State Board of Education.

The Oklahoma State Legislature passed H.B. 2242 making certain appropriations to the State Board of Education. Amounts for Financial Support of Public Schools, Instructional Materials, Flexible Benefit Allowance, Support of Public School Activities and Administrative/Support Functions of the State Department of Education (SDE) were specifically appropriated.

Of note, the budget document has been reorganized to reflect the areas that the state Legislature and federal government have required to be funded. The State Department of Education is able to use unexpended monies in some program areas (see budget document).

After consulting with Executive Director of TRS Tom Spencer and General Counsel of TRS Julie Ezell, funds for the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), per 70 O.S. 17-108.2, have been adjusted to reflect the state's obligation. This item is paid by the state as a credit against the employee contribution amount based on years of service. The last page of the FY 13 and FY 14 TRS Report Audits show the amount needed to meet the obligation.

Attached Documentation:

- FY 16 SDE Appropriation/Budget
- FY 16 SDE Appropriation/Budget Program Description
- H.B. 2242 (Education Appropriations)
- H.B. 2242 Bill Summary
- Email from TRS re Employee Credit
- FY 13 TRS Employee Credit Report
- FY 14 TRS Employee Credit Report

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